

Kid Jeopardy, serving as a source of civic pride for Pinellas County and an inspiration to little girls across the community. As a fellow Green Devil, no one better represented St. Petersburg High School and its motto of loyalty and service to God, country, and home.

After graduation, Emma realized her dream of working on the stage in New York City as a student at Marymount Manhattan College. She spent her final moments doing the very thing she loved most: directing her first college theater production, helping a fellow performer rehearse their lines.

Emma's passing due to unexpected heart failure was a sad day for Pinellas County. To her dedicated, loving parents Wilma and Peter, and her older sister Hannah, our hearts go out. I thank them for bringing such an incredible young woman into this world. She has left an indelible mark that will never be erased; her spirit will live on in the hearts of everyone whose life she touched.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully include in the RECORD my intended votes for November 28 through December 1, 2017. I was feeling under the weather, and at the advice of my doctor I was told to rest and avoid air travel for the duration of the week.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017

H.R. 2768—Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act (Sponsored by Rep. SCOTT Tipton/Natural Resources Committee)—This legislation would designate two mountain peaks in the Uncompahgre National Forest in Colorado as "Fowler Peak" and "Boskoff Peak" in honor of two philanthropists—Charlie Fowler and Christine Boskoff—whom supported athletic schools, women's education, global literacy, and gender equality. They passed away when an avalanche struck while they were attempting to climb Genyen Peak in Tibet in November 2006. Roll no. 638—Yes

H.R. 3115—Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2017 (Sponsored by Rep. RICK NOLAN/Natural Resources Committee). This legislation would facilitate a land exchange between the United States Forest Service (USFS) and a private entity—6,650 acres of federal land in the Superior National Forest would be exchanged for 6,690 acres of private land in the same forest. The proposal has been under strict review by the National Environmental Policy Act for seven years, and requires permitting through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Minnesota after the bill's enactment. Roll no. 639—Yes

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 631—Procedural vote on the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill, H.R. 3017—Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017, and of the bill, H.R. 3905—Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act. Roll no. 640—Yes

Adoption of H. Res. 631—Procedural vote on the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill, H.R. 3017—Brownfields En-

hancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017, and of the bill, H.R. 3905—Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act. Roll no. 641—Yes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

H.Amdt. 487 to H.R. 3905, Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act, GRIJALVA (D-AZ) Amendment—Increases the royalty rate by 16.66 percent for mineral leases in the Superior National Forest. Roll no. 642—No

Passage of H.R. 3905—Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act (Sponsored by Rep. TOM EMMER/Natural Resources Committee)—This bill restores mineral rights in Minnesota, and opens the permitting process for mining in the state. Roll no. 643—Yes

Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 635—Procedural vote on the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 4182—Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017 and of the bill H.R. 1699—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017. Roll no. 644—Yes

Adoption of H. Res. 635—Procedural vote on the combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 4182—Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017 and of the bill H.R. 1699—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017. Roll no. 645—Yes

H.Amdt. 489 to H.R. 4182, Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017, Hastings (D-FL) Amendment—Exempts alumni of the PeaceCorps, AmeriCorps, and other national service programs under the Corporation for National and Community Service from the two-year probationary period. Roll no. 646—No

H.Amdt. 491 to H.R. 4182, CONNOLLY (D-VA) Substitute Amendment—Strikes the provisions of the bill and replaces it with a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States. The study and report will be on those agencies that have lengthened the employee probationary period from 1 to 2 years, and any impact of an existing two-year probationary period at the agency. Roll no. 647—No

Passage of H.R. 4182—Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017—This legislation would extend the probationary period for new federal employees (civil service) from one year to two years. The bill addresses the findings from a 2015 GAO report which found that supervisors often do not utilize the probationary period for its intended purpose, and need more time to complete a full assessment of work performance. Roll no. 648—Yes

Passage of H.R. 3017—Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Sponsored by Rep. DAVID MCKINLEY/Energy and Commerce Committee)—This bill reauthorizes the Brownfields Program to provide grants and technical assistance to communities, states, and tribes to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse contaminated properties. There are more than 450,000 brownfields in the United States, and each of these sites has the potential to encourage economic development with federal assistance. Roll no. 649—Yes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

Democrat Motion to Recommit on H.R. 1699—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017 (Sponsored by Rep. ANDY BARR/Financial Services Committee)—Roll no. 650—No

Passage of H.R. 1699—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017 (Sponsored by Rep. ANDY BARR/Financial Services Committee)—This bill would help low-income families gain access to banks loans to purchase mobile homes. Roll no. 651—Yes

Approval of the Journal Roll no. 652—Yes

HONORING THE WEST SENECA WEST VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the West Seneca West varsity football team for their remarkable achievement of winning the 2017 New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association Class A Championship with a 14–6 victory over the Section I Champions, Yorktown High School, at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse on November 24, 2017.

The West Seneca West football team earned the distinction of being ranked No. 1 in large schools by the Buffalo News. Head Coach Mike Vastola was selected Coach of the Year and senior quarterback Matt Myers was selected Player of the Year and Connolly Cup Winner, an award given to one outstanding varsity football player from Western New York each year.

Myers accounted for 264 of West's 290 yards in total offense. The defense performed well under pressure to lay a strong foundation for the biggest victory in the history of West Seneca West football. This incredible season comes on the heels of a 12-year playoff drought, which displays the dedication of these players and coaches to building a championship team.

I'd like to thank former coach and current president of the West Seneca Teacher's Association, Joseph Cantafio, for inviting me here today to recognize the young men and the football organization that has brought this community together, inspiring a great sense of pride for West Seneca's accomplishments both on and off the field. The team's spirit of hard work, camaraderie and incredible sportsmanship has moved this community to believe that anything is possible when you come together as a team.

Every player on the roster deserves to be recognized for the efforts, from freshmen to seniors. The efforts of Liam Scheuer, Josh Clifton, Justin Johnson, Mike Velasquez, Josh Karmazyn, Bryan Ball, Mitch Bednarz, David Beard, Jacob Wagner, Dillon Weir, Nick Knowles, Luke Wilhelm, Kyle Bauer, Kyle Haettich, Jordan Mackiewicz, Jake Cooper, Nicolai Lowman, Dylan Kasic, John Speyer, Cody Chambers, Jake Wood, Corey Snyder, Jebadiah Braunscheidel, John Cantafio, Josh Wilson, Bradley Claycomb, Nick Fazio, Jeremy Cuthbert, Daniel Cantafio, Robin Block, Nick Cooper, George Newcomb, Tremar Brice, Chris Ignasiak, Tavian Brooks, Dustin White-Wagner, Mike Glinski, and Trevor Stoddard earned West Seneca West the state championship, led by Captains Jesse Broad, Matt Myers, Vinny Draper, Coach Mike Vastola, Assistant Coaches Dave Recor, Matt Marinaro,